

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on August
16, 2000 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
DOUGLAS MCKEAN
ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN
Councilmen

ABSENT:

ROBERTA DOWNING
Councilwoman

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis invited the audience to join the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

Ms. Karen Shanes, owner of property located at 56 Centre Street, addressed the Council regarding the city's notice of intent to file an appeal of a recent court decision concerning her failure to obtain a building permit in 1986 for construction of a deck and her attempt, following the court decision, to file for a building permit for this deck.

At the request of Mayor Otis, Ms. Shanes agreed to submit a letter to the Council presenting her views and the history of this matter which will be referred to the City Manager for review and response.

4. Resolution endorsing an application for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for the acquisition and preservation of properties along the Long Island Sound

Mayor Otis explained that this and the next six agenda items relate to Environmental Bond Act and Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act State grant applications the city will be filing at the end of the month for some potential land acquisitions previously discussed by the Council. The parcels being discussed are Friends Meeting House and an abutting parcel, a parcel on Belmont Avenue within the Beaver Swamp Brook floodplain, and the Rye Nursery site. The resolutions on the agenda, Items 4 through 9, are part of the required application to the State where we hope to get 50% funding towards these acquisitions.

Councilman Stampleman noted that we would also be seeking funding from the County and the Mayor stated that assistance would also be sought from the Federal government and private sources.

Councilwoman Cunningham expressed the opinion that the applications were extremely well done, well-written and hopefully very persuasive. She congratulated Jeffrey Stonehill, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, for his part and efforts in preparing these applications.

Mayor Otis noted that the resolution under this agenda item pertains to two contiguous properties on Long Island Sound, namely the Friends Meeting House at 624 Milton Road and the abutting parcel.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Downing and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for acquisition and preservation of properties along Long Island Sound, at sites located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rye: and,

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said municipal corporation, must approve and endorse this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value and associated costs, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Rye for acquisition and preservation of properties along the Long Island Sound.

5. Resolution declaring the City Council Lead Agency and adopting a draft negative declaration of environmental significance pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act for the acquisition and preservation of properties along the Long Island Sound

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKean and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for acquisition and preservation of properties along Long Island Sound, at sites located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rye: and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is required to submit a determination pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with the application: and,

WHEREAS, the project, being in a coastal area, is subject to review under the City of Rye Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) adopted by the City Council of the City of Rye.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby declares itself Lead Agency under SEQR: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the activities described in the aforementioned application are designated as an Unlisted Action under SEQR: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City of Rye, having completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form for this project and acting as Lead Agency hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City of Rye, having completed a Coastal Assessment Form for this project and acting as Lead Agency hereby determines that the project is in keeping with the adopted goals of the City of Rye LWRP and that there will be no adverse effects: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign and file these determinations on behalf of the City of Rye.

6. Resolution endorsing an application for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for the acquisition of the Rye Nursery site

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKean and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for acquisition of the Rye Nursery site, located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rye: and,

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said municipal corporation, must approve and endorse this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value and associated costs, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Rye for acquisition of the Rye Nursery site.

7. Resolution declaring the City Council Lead Agency and adopting a draft negative declaration of environmental significance pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act for the acquisition of the Rye Nursery site.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKean and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Environmental

Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for acquisition of the Rye Nursery site, located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rye: and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is required to submit a determination pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with the application: and,

WHEREAS, the project, being in a coastal area, is subject to review under the City of Rye Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) adopted by the City Council of the City of Rye.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby declares itself Lead Agency under SEQR: and be it further,

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RESOLVED, the City of Rye, having completed a Coastal Assessment Form for this project and acting as Lead Agency hereby determines that the project is in keeping with the adopted goals of the City of Rye LWRP and that there will be no adverse effects: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign and file these determinations on behalf of the City of Rye.

8. Resolution endorsing an application for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for property acquisition to consolidate Beaver Swamp Brook Parcels.

Councilwoman Cunningham pointed out that there is an existing single family home on this property that is surrounded by water most of the time; that the city has acquired a number of parcels over the years along Beaver Swamp Brook; and that this acquisition would enhance efforts to create a nature area along both the Rye and Harrison sides of the brook. Mayor Otis added that the city already owns the abutting property on all four sides of this parcel.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for acquisition of property along the Beaver Swamp Brook, at a site located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rye: and,

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said municipal corporation, must approve and endorse this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value and associated costs, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Rye for acquisition of property along the Beaver Swamp Brook.

9. Resolution declaring the City Council Lead Agency and adopting a draft negative declaration of environmental significance pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act for property acquisition to consolidate Beaver Swamp Brook Parcels

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WHEREAS, the applicant is required to submit a determination pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby declares itself Lead Agency under SEQR: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the activities described in the aforementioned application are designated as an Unlisted Action under SEQR: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City of Rye, having completed a Short Form Environmental Assessment for this project and acting as Lead Agency hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act: and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign and file this determination on behalf of the City of Rye.

10. Discussion of Westchester County properties in Rye

Mayor Otis explained that earlier this year, County Legislator Latimer forwarded a list of small parcels of County-owned land that have little to no value to the County and inquired as to whether the city would be interested in ownership being transferred to the city at no cost.

At the Mayor's request, City Manager Novak reported that the City Engineer had reviewed these sites and that, with the exception of the Theodore Fremd Avenue site, there appears to be no advantage to the city accepting these parcels unless the Council would prefer that the city maintain them.

Council discussion focused on the maintenance that would be required on these parcels; the costs of such maintenance; and what liability the city would be assuming, in particular with the Theodore Fremd Avenue site.

Councilman Stampleman stated that the city had received a letter from Morris Mondschein of the Ridgewood Drive Homeowners Association requesting that the parcels abutting the Thruway be acquired and recommended that the Council honor their request.

The Council requested that the City Manager obtain additional information with respect to the these parcels, in particular the parcels abutting the Thruway, and that County Legislator Latimer be advised that the City was looking into the possibility of acquiring ownership of County parcels. The Council also requested the Corporation Counsel to ascertain from the Real Estate unit within the County Government as to what would be involved in the transfer of these parcels.

11. Proposed resolution amending the 2000 Budget to increase estimated revenues and to increase appropriations for the Building and Vehicle Maintenance Internal Service Fund in the amount of \$45,000.00

Mayor Otis reported that the city has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$45,000 for the purchase of a van to transport senior citizens. He advised that the city must officially accept the grant award and amend the fiscal 2000 Budget in order to account for the receipt and expenditure of these funds.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKean, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Executive has advised the City of Rye that the city has been awarded \$45,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the purchase of a senior van; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye gratefully accepts this funding and believes that availability of a vehicle to transport senior citizens will benefit the quality of life for our senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal 2000 budget did not provide for this unanticipated revenue or the appropriation of funds for the purchase of said vehicle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Rye accepts the aforementioned Community Development Block Grant award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the fiscal 2000 budget for the City of Rye Building and Vehicle Maintenance Internal Service Fund be amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenues - Federal CDBG Aid \$45,000
Increase Appropriations - Senior Van \$45,000

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Hutchings, Larr,
McKean, and Stampleman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Downing

The resolution passed.

Councilwoman Cunningham inquired as to the budget implications of acquiring the van since funds have not been provided for drivers and insurance. Councilman Stampleman commented that he wanted the van used for senior transportation and not as an alternate vehicle for the Recreation Department. The City Manager stated that she would request a report from the Superintendent of Recreation, outlining the planned usage of the van and the impact on the budget.

12. Approval of revised Police Department Manual General Order #116.5, Overtime/Compensatory Time

At the request of the Council, City Manager Novak explained that the Police Department wanted to revise its Overtime Policy to eliminate the provision allowing personnel assigned to light duty to work outside jobs.

It was the consensus of the Council that the revised policy before them was not clear, and the City Manager agreed to provide clarification for the next Council meeting.

13. Resolution authorizing the City Engineer and Superintendent of Recreation to submit an application to the Westchester County Health Department for a permit to install a Backflow Prevention Device

The City Manager explained that prior to the planned installation of an automated sprinkler system at Rye Recreation Park, permission must be obtained from the Westchester County Health Department to install a Backflow Prevention Device as required by State and County Sanitary Codes.

Councilman McKean made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Rye, with offices at 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York, hereby authorizes the City Engineer and Superintendent of Recreation to execute and deliver to the Westchester County Department of Health, for and on behalf of said corporation, an Application for a Permit to Operate/Construct/Install a backflow prevention device and to execute and deliver any and all additional documents which may be appropriate or desirable in connection therewith.

13 A. Acceptance of a gift from the participants of the May Whitby Castle Golf Outing to the City of Rye in the amount of \$12,874.85 to assist in the restoration of the Chapel Room in Whitby Castle

Mayor Otis explained that members of Rye Golf Club who wanted to take an active role in the renovation and refurbishing of Whitby Castle held a golf outing this past May and raised \$12,874. He advised that they have presented these funds as a gift to the city to go towards the cost of renovations that have been completed in the Chapel Room.

In response to an inquiry from Councilwoman Cunningham, the City Manager advised that a plaque will be placed in the Chapel Room acknowledging this gift.

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is honored and appreciates the generosity of the Friends of Whitby Castle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Rye accepts this donation of \$12,874, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these funds will be used for expenses incurred in the restoration of the Chapel Room in Whitby Castle.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Hutchings, Larr,
McKean, and Stampleman

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Downing

The resolution passed.

13 B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Addendum to Agreement between the Mayor and Council of Rye, New York and Julia Dyson Novak, City Manager

Mayor Otis explained that the Executive Search firm engaged by the city to assist in filling the position of City Manager had advised that, due to the cost of living and housing in the area, there would be a serious lack of applicants unless financial assistance was provided. In light of the City Charter requirement that the Manager reside in the city, he stated that the Council had reluctantly come to the understanding that financial assistance would be required.

The Mayor advised that housing assistance had been arranged through a Citymortgage, Inc. corporate mortgage subsidy program agreement and that it was necessary to execute an Addendum to the Agreement with the City Manager detailing the payments that will be made under the corporate mortgage subsidy program.

Councilman McKean pointed out that some finalists for the position had withdrawn their applications because of the high cost of living and housing even with financial assistance being provided.

Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Charter of the City of Rye requires that the City Manager be a resident of the city during tenure in office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has recognized the need to provide housing assistance to make such residency possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rye, New York and Julia Dyson Novak, as part of an employment contract, have previously agreed to general parameters for housing assistance as follows:

“Both parties recognize the considerable expense associated with owning a home within the corporate limits of the City of Rye. Both parties also recognize the mutual benefit of the Employee being a resident of the City, receiving the same services provided to other residents of the City.

“It is recognized that the Employee will incur increased costs associated with acquiring housing in the City. It is the intent of the City to provide reasonable assistance, which will allow the Employee to purchase housing in the City as part of her employment compensation. The Employee and the Employer shall negotiate mutually acceptable terms and condition of such housing assistance on an equitable basis and by any available method. The goal is fairness for all parties concerned within the context established by the limitations and restrictions of the New York State Constitution or other applicable law. In its efforts toward accomplishing this goal, Employer states and represents that, at a minimum, it will offer the Employee housing assistance which will have a value of \$30,000 a year for each of five years, or a mutually agreed equivalent. The terms of such arrangement will be negotiated as quickly as reasonably possible and will be made a part of this agreement by an addendum;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the City Manager have agreed that the City Manager will purchase a home in the City of Rye; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye will provide housing assistance through a Citimortgage, Inc. corporate mortgage subsidy program agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of that agreement the City of Rye housing assistance total of approximately \$159,400.68, which consists of an initial payment and subsequent payments, detailed below, and based upon the schedule detailed in the corporate mortgage subsidy program agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of that agreement the City of Rye will make an initial payment not exceeding \$108,000; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of that agreement the City of Rye will make subsequent payments in the following approximate amounts:

2000	- \$ 4,209.96
2001	- \$16,070.16
2002	- \$12,939.30
2003	- \$ 9,603.48
2004	- \$ 6,077.67
2005	- \$ 2,457.00

totaling approximately \$51,400.68 in subsequent scheduled payments; and

WHEREAS, if employment ceases before the completion of five years of service after closing, the City Council and the City Manager have agreed to a prorated repayment schedule of the City's initial payment estimated at approximately \$108,000 as liquidated damages to the housing allowance agreement; and, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby agrees to the terms of the housing assistance provided as part of the Citimortgage, Inc. corporate mortgage subsidy program agreement and pursuant the City of Rye's agreement with Julia Dyson Novak.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Hutchings, Larr,
McKean, and Stampleman

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Downing

The resolution passed.

13C. Resolution authorizing payment of City Manager Relocation Costs.

Mayor Otis stated that Section 8(d) of the Agreement between the City Council and the City Manager requires the city to pay certain costs at the time of closing on the Manager's residence in the city.

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby agrees, pursuant to Section 8(d), Relocation, of the City Manager's contract, to pay the costs due at closing on the City Manager's residence in the City of Rye.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Hutchings, Larr,
McKean, and Stampleman

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Downing

14. Consideration of request of residents of Redfield Street to hold a *Block Party* on Saturday, September 16, with a rain date of Sunday, September 17, 2000

Councilman McKean made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to approve the request from residents of Redfield Street for controlled traffic on Saturday, September 16, 2000, with a rain date of Sunday, September 17, for a Block Party.

15. Consideration of request of residents of Grandview Avenue and neighboring streets to hold a *Block Party* on Grandview Avenue on Saturday, September 23, 2000

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, to approve the request from residents of Grandview Avenue and neighboring streets for controlled traffic on Saturday, September 23, 2000, for a Block Party on Grandview Avenue.

16. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held July 19, 2000

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held July 19, 2000, as amended.

17. Miscellaneous communications and reports

Mayor Otis acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Editor/Co-Publisher of The Rye Record in which she claims that statements included in Section 5 of the minutes of the June 28, 2000 Council Meeting are incorrect and requested inclusion of her letter in the record of this evening's meeting.

Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to include the following letter from Dolores A. Eyler, Editor/Co-Publisher of The Rye Record in the minutes of this meeting:

“August 1, 2000

“Dear Mayor Steve Otis and Rye City Council Members,

“Section five of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on June 28 stated that

Mrs. Michelle Henry, a Rye resident, informed the council that she submitted a letter to both the Rye Record and the Board of Education in opposition to the stadium lights at Nugent Field. The Rye Record advised Mrs. Henry that it would be difficult to publish an opposing opinion on the stadium lights at Nugent Field. The Rye City Board of Education ignored her letter.

“The information about The Rye Record is simply not true.

“I called Michelle Henry and asked her who had given her this information. She said she knew it wasn't I, because it was not my voice, but that it was some other person in our office. The 'office' is in my home, and I am the only one that answers the Rye Record telephone, and I emphatically told her I never gave anyone that information.

“I also pointed out that we had run her letter, dated July 5, in our July issue. In fact, the letter arrived after we had already laid out page 2, and we reconfigured the page so her letter could be included. Mrs. Henry then stated that we had ignored her first letter. I told her we had never received a first letter, and could she please send me a copy. In reply, she sent me a letter dated May 24, addressed to the Rye City School District. There was no cc to The Rye Record, nor did she have a copy of a cover letter, which indicated she had sent the letter to us.

“The Rye Record is thrilled to receive and print letters regarding issues in our city. In fact, I can think of only one time when we did not print a letter...when a letter from the same person, regarding the same issue, had been printed the previous month.

“I would please like it reflected in the future minutes of the Rye City Council that Mrs. Henry made a misstatement. Furthermore, I would like it noted that The Rye Record is committed to reporting and publishing all sides of the many issues that occur in Rye, and our record bears this out.

“Thank you.

“Sincerely,

Dolores A. Eyler
Editor/Co-Publisher”

Councilwoman Larr noted that she had spoken with Mrs. Henry and that Mrs. Henry feels strongly that her statements were accurate.

Councilwoman Cunningham referred to the letter received from Warren Ross, Chair of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Committee which forwarded Pollution Fact Sheets prepared by the Committee. She expressed the opinion that they were very informative and requested that they be put on the city's website. The City Manager advised that since the Fact Sheets were on the County website, the city would be able to establish a link between the County's and the city's websites. The Mayor noted that the principles promoting stewardship of our water resources included in these Fact Sheets are in our State grant applications discussed earlier in the meeting.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Stampleman, the City Manager advised that the city does not yet have a schedule as to when the work to be performed on municipally-owned pipes under the Inflow/Infiltration Sewer Rehabilitation Program will be started. She stated that she believed it would start sometime in September.

Councilman Hutchings expressed his concerns about the major inconvenience this project will cause our residents and requested that prior notification be given to those affected by this work. Mayor Otis advised that the County's contractor will be notifying residents by letter as well as going door-to-door. The Mayor requested that the information be placed on the city's website and RCTV's community bulletin board when it is received.

Councilwoman Larr reported that Anthony Sutton, Administrator of the Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook Ambulance Corps, will be leaving the Corps to become Deputy Commissioner of the County's Emergency Medical Services. She advised that an in-house replacement had been selected by the Corps but that Mr. Sutton would be greatly missed. The Mayor acknowledged the assistance provided by Mr. Sutton to the city in our planning for Project Impact and agreed that he will be missed.

Councilman McKean reported that he has noticed a number of contractor signs being placed around the community and suggested that notification be distributed with building permits that these signs are not permitted under our code. He also asked that residents be reminded that the brown paper bags being used for organic yard waste will decompose if they are placed at curbside earlier than necessary during rainy spells.

At the request of Councilman Stampleman, Mayor Otis reported that the Finance Committee had a very productive meeting on August 9. He stated that they had reviewed, in depth, the Capital Improvements Program, the Financial Policies, and the Financial Trends Report. He advised that they will meet again following receipt of additional information requested from city staff.

18. Old Business

Councilman McKean expressed his disappointment with Playland Amusement Park's failure to address traffic problems on Playland Parkway. He advised that on the evening of August 15, cars on Milton Road had great difficulty crossing the Parkway due to the traffic jam caused by attendees at a special concert being held in the Park. He felt that this problem should be called to the attention of the County Executive and County Legislator.

Mayor Otis advised that he would be attending a meeting with the County Executive, County Legislator, County Parks Commissioner, and the management of Playland Amusement Park to address the problems encountered this summer. Citing an incident she had witnessed in the hospital's emergency room, Councilwoman Larr requested that Playland be asked to post signs warning people to not walk barefoot on the boardwalk.

In acknowledging the loss of three key staff members, City Manager Novak congratulated Christopher J. Bradbury on his appointment as Administrator of the Village of Rye Brook, Jeffrey Stonehill on his appointment as Assistant Manager in Scarsdale; and Alice K. Conrad on her appointment as Campus Administrator at Good Counsel in White Plains. The Council wished them all success in their new positions.

Referring to the Corporation Counsel's August 11, 2000 Litigation Update, Mayor Otis suggested that amendments be drafted to the city's regulations governing the parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones. The Council discussed various aspects of the existing ordinance and made a number of suggestions for consideration by the Corporation Counsel in proposing revisions to the ordinance.

19. New Business

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman and unanimously carried, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 9:15 P.M.

On motion of Councilman McKean, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, the Council reconvened at 9:45 P.M.

20. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Johnson

Acting City Clerk